

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Tuesday, June 22, 1999

The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MYRICK).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 22, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SUE WILKINS MYRICK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1664. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance relating to the conflict in Kosovo, and for military operations in Southwest Asia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 1664) "An Act making emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance relating to the conflict in Kosovo, and for military operations in Southwest Asia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. GORTON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KYL, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REID, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DURBIN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 19, 1999, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the par-

ties, with each party limited to 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) for 3 minutes.

TRIBUTE TO LATE TEXAS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BOB BULLOCK

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, whenever I fly home to Texas and my plane approaches the State of Texas, I often hear the sound of rising thunder drifting across our land. The rumble is and can be known as the echoes of Texans, past and present, voicing their solid beliefs in individuality, independence and State pride. For the past few days, however, that thunder has been stilled, for the voices of all Texans have been silent in quiet reverence for the passing of our former Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock, a great Texan and a great American.

After courageously fighting lung cancer and heart disease, Bob Bullock passed away this past Friday. As we Texans like to say, he fought a good fight, but he simply ran out of time.

Bob Bullock's long and proud legacy of service to Texas stands as a striking and fitting monument. In addition to his post as Lieutenant Governor, Bullock served 16 years as State Comptroller. He also served Texas as the Secretary of State, as a member of the Texas House of Representatives, and as an Assistant Attorney General. He truly loved public service and loved his State. From his early days as a Texas State Representative in 1956 to his final days as a retired Lieutenant Governor, Bob Bullock placed the interests of his State even before his own. He would often work when he was ailing, but he was committed to the values of our State and of this country.

As Secretary of State he strove to attain campaign and election law changes as well as voting rights for 18-year-olds. Bullock headed the first consumer protection division at the Attorney General's office as an Assistant Attorney General. And while he was a great admirer of history, particularly Texas history, Bob Bullock also knew the value of foreseeing the future, something quite evident when he became one of the first elected officials to use computers in his office.

Because I have known discrimination, I appreciate and applaud Bob Bul-

lock's steadfast commitment to equal opportunity. He would let no one turn him around. As the Texas State Comptroller, he was the first elected official to enact an equal opportunity employment policy in his office. I can recall the many times that Bullock shared political alliances with the late Barbara Jordan, the first black woman elected to the Texas State Senate. Bullock also and always looked beyond a person's race or gender. To him, it was only the person's spirit and character that mattered. He was also a friend of our first historically black State school in the State, one born out of segregation, Texas Southern University.

As a mother of children who have grown up in the Texas school system, I am also grateful for his successful efforts to enhance the quality of Texas education by implementing improvements. As Lieutenant Governor in 1991, Bullock helped pass a school plan that encouraged wealthy school districts to share their money with districts less fortunate.

Yet it seems that Bob Bullock, like all Texas heroes, transcends his mere accomplishments. It is his character that we will cherish and remember. Bob Bullock was a force. He had a fiery temper that could put even the hottest Texas chili to shame, and he was as demanding on his staff as he was on himself. Bob Bullock, however, won the position of Lieutenant Governor and he had the respect of all the Senators.

He was one who appreciated a good joke. Although I have not completed my tribute to this great leader, this great Texan, let me say, Madam Speaker, to his wife and to his children, we have truly lost an American hero, a Texas hero, but most of all we have lost a friend who cared and loved for his fellow man and woman more than he cared for himself.

God bless you, Bob Bullock, God bless America, and God bless Texas.

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